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EDUCATION

- LL.M.-Ph.D.
(Integrated)
Since 07/2017
- NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad**
LL.M. in Legal Pedagogy and Research completed in 2019.
Cumulative Grade Point Average **7.06** on a scale of **8**.
My doctoral work was supported by a University Fellowship (08/2019-02/2023).
- 10/2021–12/2021
- VRÜ Short-Term Research Fellowship for Emerging Legal Scholars from India**
Towards a research stint at the Chair for Public and Comparative Law (Prof. Philipp Dann), Humboldt-University, Berlin
- B.A., LL.B. (Hons)
2010–2015
- NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad**
Cumulative Grade Point Average **7.3** on a scale of **8**.
Recipient of four gold medals including Best All-Round Student, Best Woman Graduate with Proven Leadership Qualities and Best All-Round Student in the Final Year.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Open Access Repository of Historical Legislative Debates

Working on a crowd-funded project to clean up, vet and make available a public archive of legislative debates from 1854 to 1952, encompassing the debates of the Indian Legislative Council (1854-1920), the Legislative Assembly and Council of States (1921-1947), the Constituent Assembly (1946-1949) and the Provisional Parliament (1950-1952).

Database of Law Affecting Media Functioning in India

Creating a comprehensive database of union and state law (current and repealed), policies, guidelines and self-imposed codes of conduct that come together to determine the media landscape in the country.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Since 05/2023
- Assistant Professor (Law), NALSAR University of Law**
- Resource Person—Technology in Research**
Conduct research workshops on leveraging technology in order to circumvent the structural disadvantages inherent to doing scholarship from the global south.
Teach an annual session on reference management and research basics for graduate/undergraduate students and doctoral candidates at NALSAR.
- Since 06/2016
- Taught a standalone workshop on reference management for the Faculty Improvement Programme organised by TNNLU in March 2022.
Conducted a set of Zotero workshops for resource persons at the World Resources Institute in October 2020.
In order to reach out to students/researchers without institutional access to information on the possibilities of technology in basic research, have organised and taught online workshops for general audiences on several occasions, since 2019.
- 09/2019–01/2020
- Online Refresher Course in Law (ARPIT) | Swayam**
Recorded sessions on *Housing Law and Federalism* and on *Reference Management*.
- 06/2018–10/2018
06/2014–10/2014
- Teaching Assistant | NALSAR University of Law**
Assisted Prof. Amita Dhanda with the course *Legal Methods*.
- 01/2018–04/2018
- Teaching Assistant | NALSAR University of Law**
Assisted Dr T Kannan with the course *Sociology of Law*.
- 01/2015–04/2015
- Teaching Assistant | NALSAR University of Law**
Assisted Prof. Amita Dhanda with the course *Law and Poverty*.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Consultant | Centre for Legal Philosophy and Justice Education**
06/2015–11/2017
Worked on a research project led by Prof. Amita Dhanda, on knowledge-based interventions to strengthen the realisation of socio-economic rights. Conducted research on the law relating to housing rights in India and worked with a collective of traditional street performers seeking the decriminalization of their traditional art.
- Independent Collaborator | Hyderabad Urban Lab**
02/2015–05/2016
05/2014–06/2014
Worked on a curriculum on *Engendering the Right to the City* that has been taught at various universities, including NALSAR by Dr Anant Maringanti. Co-authored a book-length text, on the complex ways in which law and policy relating to housing play out in particular contexts within a city, titled: *Housing and Informality: Stories from Hyderabad*.
- Research Assistant | Prof. Amita Dhanda**
07/2013–10/2013
Assisted with the revision of N S Bindra's *Interpretation of Statutes* (LexisNexis, 11th edn., 2014). In specific, traced the development of right to life (Article 21) jurisprudence in Indian law as well as the ways in which courts have interpreted the doctrine of precedent, and therefore, their own freedom to act against existing case-law.
- Editorial Intern | Navayana Publishing**
05/2013–06/2013
Edited an anthology of dalit writing, bandaya poet Siddalingaiah's autobiography (in translation) and a collection of Premanand Gajvee's plays.
- Law Intern | Chambers of Advocate Nitya Ramakrishnan**
11/2012–12/2012
Worked on cases involving freedom of speech, preventive detention, service law, company law and audio-video forensics. Assisted with *In Custody: Law, Impunity and Prisoner Abuse in South Asia* (Sage Publications, 2013).
- Intern | The Hoot**
05/2012–06/2012
Worked with Sevanti Ninan and several lawyers on creating a free press-toolkit explaining legal provisions directly affecting the profession.
- Intern | Centre for Social Equity and Inclusion**
11/2011–12/2011
Worked with Annie Namala, then member of the National Advisory Committee on the RTE Act, on a training module on the right, for civil society members. Conducted a nationwide survey amongst students of IITs and NLUs to record the ways in which caste is experienced in India's elite public universities.
- Reporting Intern | The Hindu**
05/2011–06/2011
Reported on issues like the Jan-Lokpal Bill, the Common Law Admission Test, peoples' right to food and women's football. Wrote for the city pages, the state pages, Education Plus and Young World.
- Intern | Centre for Disability Studies**
11/2010–12/2010
Worked with the Centre as a member of the Country Report Team and aided with both research for and the drafting of the report.

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Annual Survey of State Laws in India | NALSAR University of Law**
04/2022–05/2022
Was responsible for fact-checking and copy-editing the 19 articles in the volume.
- Online Refresher Course in Law (ARPIT) | Swayam**
09/2019–01/2020
Worked on the design and execution of the entire course (~80 videos). With Aymen Mohammed, did back-end research and prepared storyboards for each video, and edited all the modules.

PUBLICATIONS

- Book**
The Legal Right to Housing in India, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi, 2019.
- Book Chapter**
'Cow Slaughter Bans: Protection of Symbols, or Oppression?' in Towards a Food Secure India, Ranita Nagar and Sooraj Sharma (ed.), Ruby Press & Co., New Delhi, 2015.
- Journal Articles**
The Law of the Bulldozer, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 60, Issue No. 36, September 6, 2025, 10–13.
Goa, *Annual Survey of State Laws in India*, 2023.
Andhra Pradesh, *Annual Survey of State Laws in India*, 2020.

'Banning Under Laws that Don't Exist': Why Indian Law Is Near Impossible to Know, and Follow, *The Wire*, December 16, 2024.

The Rule of Law in a Reign of Terror, *Verfassungsblog*, June 20, 2022.

COVID-19 in India: Examining the Structural Enablers of Over-Centralisation, *IACL-AIDC Blog*, June 4, 2020.

COVID-19 in India: Seeking Accountability in a Moment of Crisis, *IACL-AIDC Blog*, June 4, 2020.

Articles in Popular Media

BBMP Resolution on Protests Outside Bengaluru's Town Hall Aimed to Delegitimise People's Right to Be Seen, Heard in Public, *Firstpost*, March 3, 2020.

Pervasive Discrimination, Segregated Spaces and the Chimerical Right to Housing, *The Leaflet*, June 6, 2019.

Procedure as Punishment, *Raiot*, March 31, 2016.

Rethinking Gender and Language in the Face of Privilege, *Orinam*, June 23, 2015.

SC Landmark Transgender Judgment: What It Says, What Is Good and What It Muddled Up, *Legally India*, April 15, 2014.

CONFERENCES

05/2022

"Right to Housing: International Perspectives (India)", Conference on a Referendum on Housing in Ireland, UCD Centre for Constitutional Studies, Sutherland School of Law, Dublin.

11/2018

"IP Law and the Handloom Sector: Possibilities and Pitfalls", Anchoring innovation in handloom weaving in India: Conference on rethinking Indian industrialization of crafts, Chirala.

11/2017

Organised an international dissemination conference: Conversations on Contemporary Struggles towards the Realisation of Socio-Economic Rights, Hyderabad. Publicly defended the first draft of my work on the legal right to housing in India before an expert audience. Also spoke on a panel on the Right to Work, in relation to the deskilling of traditional street performers in India.

02/2016

"Anti-Begging Laws and the Regulation of Busking in India", Preserving Culture, Protecting Livelihoods: A Conference on the Magic of Street Performance, Hyderabad

01/2014

Organised a seminar on Hate Speech and Social Media in conjunction with the British Deputy High Commission, Hyderabad.

INSTITUTIONAL ROLES

Since 06/2024

Internal Complaints Committee (Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace)

Since 08/2024

I.T. and Website Committee

Since 07/2025

Alumni Affairs Committee

06/2021–05/2022

Scholarship Committee, NALSAR University of Law

06/2023–05/2024

Was the nominated student member (PhD) of the University's Scholarship Committee for the academic year 2021-22. Served as a faculty member of the Committee for the academic year 2023-24.

06/2014–04/2015

Constitution Review Committee, NALSAR University of Law

Was elected member of a committee tasked with redrafting the constitution of the student body NALSAR.

2011–2013

SBC - Academic Committee, NALSAR University of Law

Was elected to the Academic Committee for 3 consecutive terms. Served as its Convenor through the academic year 2012–2013. Worked alongside the administration to revamp the University's academic programme, including a review and revision of all existing academic regulations.

2012–2015

NALSAR Film Festival

Served on the Festival's Core Organising Committee in 2012 and 2014 and on its Advisory Board in 2015.